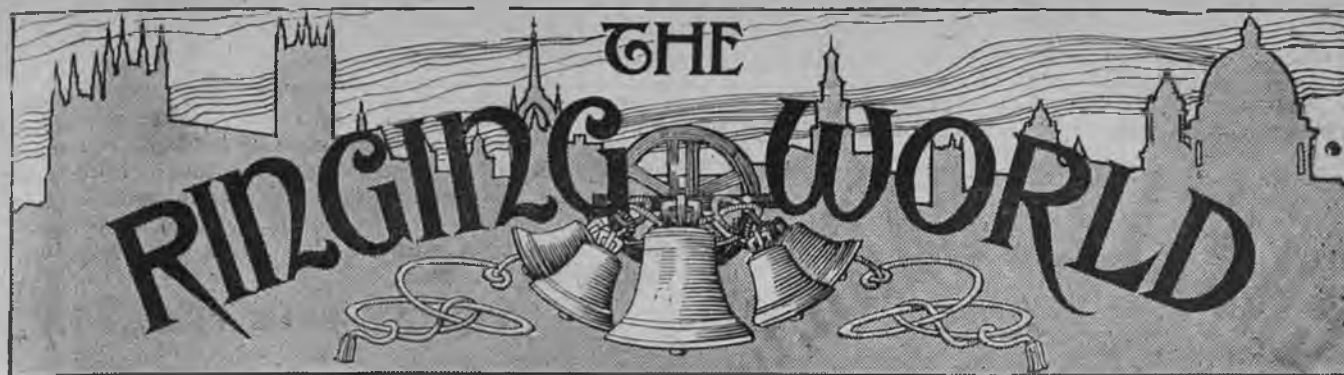




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THE JUBILEE OF RINGING SOCIETIES.

References made, both at the Norfolk Guild meeting and the meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on Easter Monday, are a reminder that quite a number of our Associations are approaching their jubilee. Two years ago the Devon Guild achieved this distinction; last year the Yorkshire Association completed its half century of existence; this year the Lancashire Association reached its jubilee; next year the Norfolk Guild will reach its fiftieth year, having been established as the Norwich Diocesan Association; and in the following year the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan organization will celebrate a similar milestone in its history. In the course of the next few years also the majority of the other territorial and diocesan associations will reach this important stage, and it is well to recall that it is the period which has elapsed since their foundation which has seen the most rapid advance in the art.

Prior to the 'seventies,' ringing had no organizations within its ranks except the old London societies, and a few provincial bodies, whose activities were confined mostly to the towers from which they took their names. For the rest the ringers were chiefly a nondescript body, owing allegiance to no one, not even to the church whose bells they rang. Change ringing, except for a few shining examples, made but poor progress, and bell ringers, as a whole, had fallen into sad repute. Between fifty and sixty years ago, however, a spirit of reform in the conduct of church bell ringing began to make itself felt. Some of the clergy became interested in it and, in turn, interested others, and, gathering round them men of enthusiasm in the art, they laid the foundations of modern ringing associations, whose slogan was 'belfry reform and advancement of the art of change ringing.'

The success which has been achieved in both these directions is, in these days, apparent, but for many years it was an uphill struggle, and the present generation probably does not recognise to the full the debt which it owes to those early pioneers who had not only to fight down the prejudice, which existed among many ringers against the introduction of scientific change ringing, but to strive with determination to eradicate those practices which had brought ringing into disrepute with the public. It was a slow process, but the work has been none the less successful. Not only is the standard of method ringing generally much higher, but change ringing has vastly extended in the number of those who practice it. There are probably nearly as many peals rung now in a week as there were in a year half a century ago. The elimination of the undesirable element has raised the status of the

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ringers themselves, and they occupy in these days in relation to the church a position of honour and respect. To the associations largely this is due, and as in turn they each attain their jubilee they are, while realising that much yet remains to be accomplished, entitled to take credit for and congratulate themselves upon good work patiently and well done.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON 1	ALFRED B. PECK 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	THOMAS LANGDON 8
WILLIAM H. PASSMORE 3	HERBERT LANGDON 9
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	JAMES BULLOCK 10
HARRY R. PASSMORE 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON...Trebble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 6
*MISS EDNA WEBSTER ... 2	*J. FREDK. MILNER ... 7
*FREDK. A. SALTER ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRETT ... 8
FREDK. S. PRICE ... 4	FREDK. W. BAILEY ... 9
GEORGE WEST ... 5	PERCIVAL PRICE... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY.

* First in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd and 4th, and also to the steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Flinders, on attaining his 75th birthday. First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ...Trebble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 2	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... 7
HARRY BALAAM ... 3	HARRY MILLER ... 8
EDWARD G. TOMLINSON ... 4	JOHN E. MILLER ... 9
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5	SIDNEY WADE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 5th bells, and by the Christ Church Society. Eight of the ringers were born within one mile of the church. The ringer of the third bell is now resident at Woolton Hill, Hampshire, and has only one arm.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES ALLSOP 1	*WALTER J. TANSER 6
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
*ARTHUR H. BARTRAM ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 8
R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
ERNEST BARTRAM ... 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	* EDWIN F. PIKE 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 8
WILLIAM PYE 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung immediately after the dedication of the bells by the Lord Bishop of Stepney. * 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HARRY WITHERS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	FREDERICK PRICE 6
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOSEPH FIGGOTT 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Mr. Geo. Williams, for whom the peal was arranged, was proposed a life member previous to starting.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN F. GALYER Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
H. BERNARD WELLS 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
* JAMES BATTERS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

The conductor's 100th peal. * First peal of Treble Bob.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* H. CASHMORE Treble	F. C. CASE 5
E. C. LAMBERT 2	E. YATES 6
† L. A. SMITH 3	A. J. GREEN 7
† T. E. READ 4	† H. J. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Hon. Sybil M. Douglas Pennant to the Hon. Edward C. B. Portman, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on the above date.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANGASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WALTER FISHER Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
JAMES MARSH 4	CLAUDE I. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal was rung on the back eight of the twelve, after meeting short for Caters. It is believed to be the first peal on this eight bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 15, 1926, in Three Hours & One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD HORTIN Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 5
JOHN T. DAVIES 2	BERT H. POUNTNEY 6
SAMUEL H. COLEY 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. David Appleby upon the loss of their infant son, Mr. D. Appleby being a respected member of the local band.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH, S.E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

* JOHN G. BECKFORD Treble	THOMAS WYATT 5
JOHN L. WATKINS 2	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 6
WILLIAM E. JUDD 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 7
STANLEY C. MOYE 4	BERTIE ALDRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

* First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	FREDK. J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. C. CASE Treble	L. A. SMITH 5
H. C. EDWARDS 2	E. C. LAMBERT 6
W. G. PEDLEY 3	T. E. ROBERTS 7
T. C. TOMPKINS 4	A. J. GREEN Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

First peal in the method by all except E. C. Lambert. First peal in the method for the Towcester Association. First in the method on the bells, and rung at the first attempt.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 3rd, for special Easter Eve service, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: 1. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, Miss E. E. Chapman (first quarter-peal of Surprise Royal) 2, C. Mayne 3, A. J. Neale 4, W. Miller 5, C. W. Roberts 6, L. Baybutt 7, G. A. Card 8, J. R. Gammon 9, R. Sanders 10.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
GEORGE CHESTER 2	HAROLD MARCON 6
GEORGE FLINTHAM 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN WALDEN 4	WALTER CLARK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Rung in commemoration of the 80th birthday of the president (the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln).

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*ALBERT L. WARD Treble	WALTER BREWIN 4
*A. HARRISON CARTER 2	†FRANK LLOYD 5
WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE 3	JOSEPH S. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by J. S. CARTER.

* First peal. † First inside. First of Minor by all. First peal as conductor, and first peal on the bells.

CANON PYON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM E. DAVIES Treble	JOHN BOURNE 3
GEORGE R. HANKS 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4
JAMES P. HYETT Tenor	

Conducted by W. E. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells, which were cast in 1728 by A. Rudhall.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Plain Bob. Extreme and Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

EDGAR LEWIN Treble	JOHN G. GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	ERNEST DYER 4

ARTHUR N. GEARY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST DYER.

First peal on the bells by a local band.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 11, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 22 callings.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANCIS J. WILLIAMS Treble	PERCY N. ROWLEY 4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
THOMAS W. ROWLEY, JUN. 3	*HAROLD H. W. KINSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

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MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLY 4
WILLIAM NIDLETT 2	ERNEST GIBBS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLY.

The conductor's 100th peal. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. R. G. Knowles; also a birthday compliment to Messrs. William Short and George Pophall.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Single Bob, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob (Plain and Treble Bob alternately).

Tenor 20 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Treble	*GEORGE L. GROVER 4
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
JOSEPH GOACHER 3	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. The band were afterwards entertained by the Woking ringers to a sumptuous supper in the Parish Hall, at which Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., presided.

KEEVIL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES BILBY Treble	CHARLES ANDREWS 4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	WILLIAM BAXTER 5
JESSE FRANCIS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in three methods by all except the conductor.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet and Woodbine, and two of Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWIN CARTLIDGE Treble	WILLIAM P. DEANE 4
THOMAS HILDITCH 2	ERNEST GATER 5
†HAROLD WHITFIELD ... 3	THOMAS HURD Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' This is the first peal rung under the new name of this association, formerly known as the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association. The peal was a compliment to the conductor on completing 21 years as ringer at this church.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST BAILEY Treble	CHARLES BAILEY 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 4
FRANK PATTENDEN ... 2	GEORGE WAGHORN ... 5
ALBERT RELFE ... 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Langton) for granting the use of the bells. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 1040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*RICHARD BULLEN ... Treble	HERBERT J. ELDERD ... 4
FREDERICK S. TUBB ... 2	EDWARD E. PRATCHEY ... 5
FREDERICK CHERRETT ... 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal of Minor. Ringer of treble elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Tubb on his 50th birthday; also to celebrate Mr. W. Webb's 50th year as a ringer at the above church.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LOKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

JOHN PARKER ... Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4
GEORGE ADDISON ... 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 5
JOHN MATTHEWS ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

First peal on the bells. These bells were rehung by Barwell, 1912. Some of them are 16th century bells.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's differently called.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*J. P. POWLS ... Treble	HORACE MORLEY ... 4
J. W. COGGRIVE ... 2	*EDWARD PHILPOT ... 5
R. B. SMITH ... 3	W. A. HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ARTHUR HUDSON.

* First peal. Ringer of treble from Eastington; 4th from Selby; 6th from Hemingbrough; others from Howden.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ERNEST MOORE ... Treble	JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... 4
†ARTHUR MOORE ... 2	GEORGE VERNON ... 5
‡CYRIL VALENTINE ... 3	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor and first 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

RICHARD HEARD ... Treble	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... 4
WILLIAM E. BUNKER ... 2	WARREN S. HORNBOOK ... 5
HAROLD E. RYDER ... 3	STANLEY R. HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. S. HORNBOOK.

First peal by ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and tenor, who have recently learned to ring, and all are Sunday ringers at the above church.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CYRIL TANSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
JAMES R. NEWMAN ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on six bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in C.

CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 3-4	*ANTHONY MARVIN ... 7-8

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

* First peal. Mr. Marvin was elected a member before starting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A ringing meeting in connection with the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Overseale on Saturday, upwards of twenty members being present. The vice-president, Mr. W. W. Worthington, took the chair, and was supported by the Revs. H. E. Worthington and E. A. Merryweather, of Seales.

It was unanimously decided to accept the Rector's invitation to hold a similar meeting at Netherseale during June, the actual date to be fixed later.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church of England Schools, and during the afternoon and evening the peal of eight was kept going in various methods.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of this association was held in the beautiful old city of Durham on Saturday, April 10th. The Cathedral bells were available after the usual three o'clock service, and most of the company had the pleasure of a ring on these splendid bells, and on the rehug six of St. Oswald's.

After an excellent tea at Pattinson's Cafe a short meeting was held, the vice-president, Mr. R. L. Patterson, in the chair. — A vote of thanks to the Dean and the Vicars of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. J. W. Parker, and responded to by the Rev. — Norris, of St. Oswald's.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Sunderland on June 26th.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT FULHAM.

The 29th annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 10th, when some 70 members attended. Divine service was held at 4.30, when an inspiring sermon was preached by the Rector of Acton (Rev. J. H. Newsham Taylor), an honorary member of the association, who based his address on the text, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world,' taken from Matthew 28, verse 20.

After tea, which was served in the Church Hall, the usual business meeting was held. The chair was taken by the President (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.), who was supported by Messrs. W. Pickworth (vice-president), W. Pye (Master), R. Holloway and N. A. Tomlinson (District Masters), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secretaries), T. Beadle, J. Waghorn, A. W. Coles, G. R. Pye, W. H. Oram, etc.

The adoption of the report was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye, and carried. Extracts from the very interesting report are appended:—

Last year we commented briefly on the necessity for regular practices, especially at those churches where lack of facilities for practice had caused ringers to become slack. We urged our clergy to set aside a definite night which the ringers could consider their own, and pointed out that unless ringers had practice, the Sunday ringing would suffer. We hope that our few words on this subject have not been entirely without good results, but there are still some of our towers where we feel there is room for improvement. Without practice we cannot train young ringers, and the need for a continual supply of recruits to our ranks is ever present. Some of our bands have had no additions to their numbers for years, and we would urge the leaders of our towers always to be mindful of the necessity of providing for the days ahead, when age causes members to fall out of the ranks. Even apart from the latter as a motive, it is for the good of ringing in general, and for the Association in particular, that we should always be on the look-out for somebody whom we can teach to ring. In these days of the broadcasting of ringing it should be easy to get people quickly interested, and we should make the most of our opportunities.

NEGLECTED BELLS.

There is another matter that gives us cause for concern. The state of the bells in several of our towers is far from satisfactory. Some of them have been going badly for years, and urgently need the attentions of the bell-hanger, but for various reasons nothing is done. If bells go badly it is essential that they should not be neglected, and we would urge those responsible to do all that is possible to have the bells in their charge kept in good going condition. There are far too many peals of bells which to-day are never rung, simply because of neglect in the past, and it is our duty to see that the bells handed down to us are left in good order for those who come after us. A card of instructions, drawn up by the Ringers' Central Council, and containing expert advice on the care of bells, has recently been distributed in all our towers, and we hope that our bands will see that the bells in their charge are properly looked after. Ringers should also see that the attention of the clergy and Parochial Church Councils is continually drawn to cases of badly going bells, with a view to their having proper and expert attention.

The meetings held were again very satisfactorily attended. Our present membership is 759, an increase of ten compared with last year. In the N. and E. District we elected 2 honorary and 38 ringing members, whilst in the S. and W. District 3 honorary and 36 ringing members were admitted. The continued increase in our membership is a matter for congratulation; but the losses of members by resignation, or by their falling into arrears with subscriptions, is to be deplored, and we trust that every effort will be made by masters of local bands to stimulate interest in ringing amongst their members. A standing still attitude is never a good one, and attempts to improve on what we have already done is the only sure way of retaining ringers in our bellfries.

During the year the hand of death has taken three of our members from us. Edgar Wightman, of Uxbridge, died on February 15th at the age of 50. He had only recently rejoined the Association on moving into the county, but had been a member in our earlier days. He was a good ringer and a capable conductor, and rang 31 peals for the Association, having conducted five of them. He took part in the first handbell peal of Cinques rung by our members.

On June 14th the death of Daniel Lovett occurred, in his 73rd year. He had occupied the position of sexton and vergier at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, for upwards of 45 years, and during his quarter century of membership had proved a loyal friend to us. He did not greatly aspire to peal ringing, but on one occasion he rang the tenor at his own church to a peal of Stedman Caters with this Association.

Herbert Baker, of Hertford, died on December 28th, aged 62. He had been a member since 1902, and had rung three peals with us. He served in the late war in France, and was second in command of his battalion of the Herts Regiment. He served the public at Hertford in many capacities, being in turn councillor, alderman, and mayor.

NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

Turning to the peals, we note a considerable reduction in the number rung during 1925, but as we have no record of the number of attempts that have been made we are unable to say whether the reason for the decrease is that fewer have been attempted, or that a larger number than usual have been lost. As, however, peal ringing, if not the whole object of our existence, is a sign of our liveliness as an organisation, we hope that members will put their best into this branch of our activities. It is in this direction that interest among the younger members may be stimulated.

The total number of peals rung was 60, and 178 members took part in them, 26 sharing in the conducting. Thirteen members rang their first peals, and 54 their "firsts" in a new method or on a different number of bells. Among the latter were three of Cambridge Maximus, one of Cambridge Royal, one of Stedman Cinques, three of Bristol, and two of London. Seven members rang their first peals of Bob Royal, two their "firsts" of Stedman Caters, and six of Stedman Triples. Among those who rang their first peals was Master C. T. W. Coles, aged 14, son of the joint hon. secretary, who rang the treble to Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on February 28th. Master Howard Mackman, also at the age of 14, accomplished a fine performance in ringing his first peal of Stedman Triples at Acton on June 10th. Miss M. Ringrose rang her first peal at Burnham-on-Crouch on August 20th. Mrs. R. F. Deal rang her first peal of Cambridge Maximus at Waltham Abbey on January 31st, and her first of Bristol Surprise at Cubitt Town on October 17th; whilst Miss P. Moss accomplished Double Norwich at Willesden on January 13th, and Bob Royal at Hillingdon on December 26th. Several others of our lady members are well to the front in the list of peal ringers, and it is worthy of notice that on January 20th, 1926, ten members of the Ladies' Guild rang a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' Church, the whole of the band being also members of this Association. Messrs. A. F. Putland and A. Cross have the honour of appearing in the list of conductors for the first time, the former actually calling his own first peal. Mr. R. Sanders rang his 500th peal during the year. To all of these we extend our heartiest congratulations.

Of the peals themselves, 59 were rung on tower-bells in 33 different towers, and one on handbells. Four tower-bell peals were rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, at Stanmore, Heston, Edmonton and Bishopsgate, whilst several quarter-peals were rung at other towers as part of the national mourning. At the meeting of the S. and W. District held at Hillingdon on November 21st the bells were rung half-muffled. A vote of condolence with the King and Queen, passed at this meeting, was most graciously acknowledged by their Majesties.

One outstanding performance was accomplished, i.e., a peal of 7.392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow on December 19th. This is the longest peal yet rung in the method on twelve bells, and also the longest length in any method rung on the bells in the tower.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

So far as bell restoration is concerned, there is little to report. At Twickenham, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have retuned and rehung the bells in new gudgeons and bearings, with very satisfactory results, whilst John Taylor and Co. are at present engaged in re-hanging the bells at All Saints', Poplar, in an entirely new frame. The scheme to add two trebles to the existing peal of eight at Isleworth is maturing. About a third of the sum of £180 required has been collected. A small committee has been formed to carry the matter to a successful conclusion, and we trust that our members will give them all the financial help they can.

Before closing, it is our pleasant duty to record our grateful thanks to Mr. T. Beadle on his retirement from the office of District Vice-President. An original member of the Association, he was one of those mainly instrumental in bringing about the amalgamation of the two district societies. He has served the society in many ways, and was for some years Master of the S. and W. District. He has our sincere thanks for the good work he has done for the Association, and our good wishes for many more years of happiness amongst his ringing friends.

Mr. G. B. Lucas, too, retired from office last year, although his interest in the Association is in no way lessened. An unfortunate

accident whilst cycling was the cause of his giving up ringing, and he resigned the office of Master of the N. and E. District, which he had held since 1922. Prior to that date he had been a member of the Central Committee since the commencement of the society. We thank him for his many years of service, and trust that he will fully recover from his unfortunate accident, and may again be able to take an active part in the work of the Association.

Quite a number of our members deserve our thanks for their work as voluntary instructors, among them being Miss P. Moss, Messrs. A. W. Coles, F. Corke, F. A. Edwards, R. A. Fardon, F. W. Goodfellow, J. H. Hunnisett, J. R. Mackman, J. Milner and N. A. Tomlinson. Without such assistance as is given by these members, the Association would quickly come to an end.

We also wish to acknowledge the invaluable services rendered to the Association by the joint hon. secretaries. A great deal of their work is done silently and unseen; we can best show our appreciation of their efforts by supporting them at the Association meetings and by prompt payment of subscriptions.

The balance sheet was next considered, and it was especially noted that, in spite of an expenditure of over £7 on a new and improved association certificate, there was a small balance to the good on the year's working.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, as follows:—President, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. S. Bird and W. Pickworth; Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier. Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth were appointed auditors.

A recommendation by the Central Committee that 60 per cent. of the subscriptions, in lieu of the present 70 per cent., be allocated to the Central Fund, was carried.

The committee also recommended that a grant of £2 2s. should be made towards a peal board or tablet to commemorate the peal rung by the Ladies' Guild at St. Clement Danes on January 20th. It was pointed out that the whole of the band were also members of this association, and members were asked to show their appreciation of the efforts of these ladies by making a substantial grant towards a suitable record of the peal. It was not the intention of the committee to do or say anything towards pressing the Ladies' Guild to erect a board, but if they, in their own judgment, decided to do so, the money was at their disposal. After a suggestion that a general appeal to ringers throughout the country should be made was ruled

out of order, as being beyond the scope of this meeting, the recommendation was carried.

It was decided that the next annual general meeting should be held at All Saints', Poplar.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. G. K. S. Marshall (Fulham), Rev. P. Swain (Putney) and the Rev. T. Walsh (Hammersmith) for the use of the bells at their respective churches; also to the Rev. J. H. Newsham-Taylor for his address at the service. Thanks were also given to Mr. Driver, and to the towerkeepers at Putney and Hammersmith for their able assistance in having everything ready for the ringing.

During the afternoon and evening several excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung at Fulham, whilst most of the standard methods were rung at Putney in the afternoon, and at Hammersmith in the evening.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday, April 14th, at the Church of All Saints, Gainsborough, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 1, H. Cooper 2, H. Torr 3, J. Dixon 4, C. H. Baker 5, H. Morgan 6, E. Dalingwater 7, C. A. Hewitt 8.

The above was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of deep and sincere respect for the late Mr. T. A. Dyson, solicitor, who passed away on the Sunday previous, at the age of 73. He was a loyal and devoted member of the parish church congregation for a considerable number of years, during which time he held various offices, including that of churchwarden. In his younger days he was a Sunday School teacher; also a member of the choir.

At Keymer, Sussex, on Thursday, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Capt. Garbett, for many years churchwarden at the Parish Church: H. Bransden 1, W. Horney 2, A. Feist 3, J. Backshall 4, J. Parsons 5, J. Feist (conductor) 6.

At St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Thursday, April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, C. Groves 3, J. Topp 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to the late Bishop Ingham, Vicar of St. Jude's, and also to the two Portsmouth victims in the recent air disaster.

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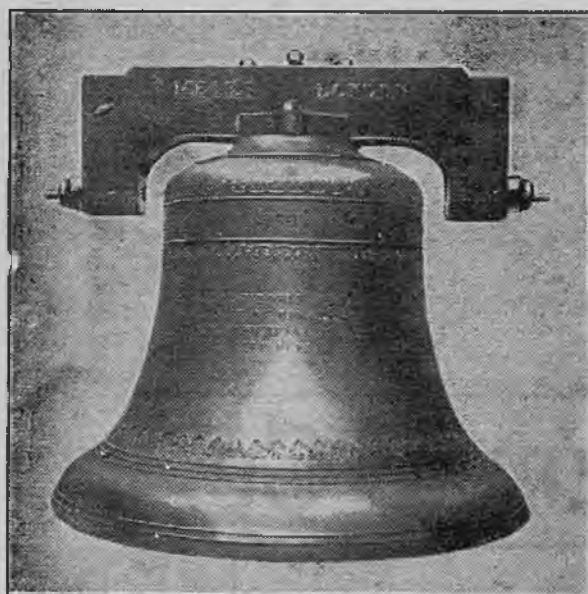
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The total number of peals rung last year was 1,689. Of these 1,629 were on tower bells, and 60 on handbells. This is 171 less than in the year 1924. We hope to publish the Central Council's full analysis next week.

A new peal of eight bells by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were dedicated on Saturday week at St. Mary's, Wolborough-Newton Abbot, Devon. Over a dozen teams of ringers afterwards tried the bells, which were warmly praised.

A book describing the principles of Mr. John Carter's wonderful ringing machine, has been compiled by Mr. E. Alex. Young, and deposited with the machine in the Central Council's Campanology exhibit at the South Kensington Science Museum.

A Masonic peal of Stedman Caters is to be attempted at Solihull, Birmingham, on Saturday.

The broadcast of the bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will take place on Sunday evening, May 9th, 8 to 8.15 p.m.

Miniature bells, as supplied by Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Hazel Grove, Stockport, are proving a useful source of income for bell restoration funds. They went like hot cakes at Coalbrookdale.

The membership of the Devon Guild increased from 623 in 1924 to 669 in 1925; the performing members being 559 last year against 520 in the previous year. This is a very healthy sign.

The peal rung at Titchmarsh, Northants, on April 10th, and published last week, was the first peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd, not the 60th peal by him; it was the 60th peal by the ringer of the 2nd.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 10,080 Bob Major rung at Braughing, Herts, in the year 1778.

The first peal of Bob Major ever rung was accomplished by the College Youths at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on April 26th, 1725.

Fifty years ago next Tuesday the Royal Cumberland Youths rang 8,896 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Ann's, Highgate. It happened to be the eighth anniversary of the then record of 15,840 in the same method at Bethnal Green, by the College Youths, of which band the late Mr. Edwin Horvex was the last survivor.

April 27th is also the anniversary of 8,580 Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths at Cornhill in 1861.

In the 'Annual Register,' under the date April 28th 1800, the following appears: 'A short time since, eight members of the Society of Cumberland Youths made an attempt to ring 15,136 changes of Oxford triple-bobs on Edmonton Church bells. It requires upwards of ten hours time to perform this task at 25 changes a minute. They had entered the ninth hour when an unlucky accident befel Mr. Gross, the composer of the peal. Making an attempt to slacken his knee buckle, his leg entangled in the coil of the rope, by which he was elevated to a considerable height, and thence, falling down on his head, he broke his collar-bone. Had it not been for this accident, no doubt the feat would have been accomplished, and the performers crowned with perpetual honour, as nothing to be compared with such an achievement of strength and skill can be found in the records of the campanilogers' art.'

FIRST PEAL IN OLD AGE.

THE LATE MR. WM. HEATON'S PERFORMANCES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of April 9th, you published the unique record of Mr. Hopkins of Ibstock, Leicestershire, and asked how many ringers had passed their 70th birthday before attempting their first peal.

The late Mr. Wm. Heaton, a member of the Colne Parish Church ringers, who died in April, 1920, had a similar record. He was a ringer at the same church for over 70 years. Four years after the two trebles were added he rang his first peal, Bob Major, at the age of 72. He rang nine peals in all: 4 Bob Major, 3 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 2 Grandsire Triples. He rang the tenor (16 cwt.) through them all. His first peal was on Whit Monday, 1904, and the last on Whit Monday, 1908. He rang the tenor to within a few months of his death, which occurred in his 88th year.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN P. FOULDS.

NOISY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We have heard from time to time different suggestions for reducing, in near-by districts, the sound of a noisy ring of bells. I have a hazy sort of idea that I have read in 'The Ringing World' a recommendation of sheets of stout glass fixed vertically, but I cannot turn up any back number in which it appears.

I should be glad of any advice in this matter, either through your columns, or by personal postcard.—Yours truly,
Gargrave, Yorks.

J. McKELL.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT POPLAR.**PEAL OF TEN RETUNED AND REHUNG.**

The rehung peal of ten bells at the Church of All Saints, Poplar, was dedicated on Saturday last by the Bishop of Stepney. A special form of service was used, and at the appropriate time the Bishop was conducted to the belfry to dedicate the bells. A few rounds were then rung by seven of the local ringers, assisted by three visitors. After an address by the Bishop, and during the singing of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' a collection was made for the Bell Fund, which yielded about £27.

After the service an excellent peal of Stedman Caters was rung by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which is recorded in its proper place. This peal was rung by the special request of the Rector (the Rev. C. Mayne).

After the peal, the ringers, with members of the local band, were entertained to tea in the Church Hall. The Rector expressed his thanks for the very fine peal that had been rung, and Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. W. Pye both stated that they considered the bells very good. The work had been done exceedingly well, and Poplar had every reason to be proud of the bells. Mr. Coles also thanked the Rector for inviting them to ring the peal, and for his hospitality.

After Mr. W. Partiss had also welcomed the visitors, Mr. Askew, who had made himself responsible for collecting the money necessary for the work, stated that the whole of the amount required to retune and rehang the bells, over £600, had now been raised. Apart from two or three fairly large sums, most of the money had been collected by means of a farthing fund, and thousands of people in the district had subscribed sums from two farthings upwards. It was a fine example of what perseverance would do.

The bells have been retuned and rehung with ball bearings, in a new steel frame, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the excellence of the work.

The practice night at Poplar is Tuesday, at 7.30, and visitors will be welcomed, although all the ringers are comparatively novices. Two members of the Middlesex Association are acting as instructors.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
THE NEW MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE.**

Merthyr Tydfil was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, which was held on Saturday last. The tower contains a ring of eight bells, with a tenor weighing a ton, by Taylor and Co., which, it is worth mentioning, were given some years ago to the church by eight 'old Merthyr boys,' thanks to the efforts of the late Sir Wm. Thomas Lewis, afterwards Lord Merthyr.

A goodly number of ringers put in an appearance, and at 4.45 a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Richards Pugh). An excellent tea, served in the Schoolroom, was very kindly provided by the ladies of the parish, to whom the very best thanks were accorded for their hospitality. The business meeting was presided over by the Rector. Augmentations and restorations were reported on, and instructors' reports received.

The new certificate, which had been authorised at the annual meeting, was shown. It was greatly admired, and the best thanks were accorded the committee entrusted with the task for the choice of such a beautiful piece of workmanship so ably carried out by the 'Western Mail.'

The next Glamorgan quarterly meeting was arranged for Newton Nottage, Porthcawl.

A number of new members were elected, including the whole of the newly-formed band at Chepstow. There were expressions of regret and sympathy with Mr. Fred Chamberlain, the leader of the Cardiff band, who had met with a serious accident since the last meeting, and all were pleased to hear that he was making good progress.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his great kindness, and for his welcome to the parish.

The meeting was a most successful and pleasant one thanks to the immense help given by the local band, and especially by the leader, Mr. J. Cole.

MR. S. HOLT'S CENTURY.

Mr. Sidney Holt, who rang his first peal on October 10th, 1920, completed his first century on April 12th. His 100 is made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 5 (conducted, 2); Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 2; Stedman Caters, 3; Bob Major, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 4 (conducted, 1); Kent Treble Bob Major, 4 (conducted, 1); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2 (conducted, 1); Cambridge Surprise Minor, 4 (conducted, 4); Cambridge Surprise Major, 20 (conducted, 2); Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 3; Bristol Surprise Major, 1; Minor in 14 methods, 2; Minor in 10 methods, 1; Minor in 7 methods, 39 (conducted, 13); Minor in 3 methods, 1; total, 100 (conducted, 24).

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBIT COMMITTEE.**

The members of the above committee are requested to note that it is not deemed necessary to circularise them in regard to the annual statement. I intend to report, on behalf of the committee, at Ipswich, that it should now be allowed to lapse. This is in view of the fact that its work is done, inasmuch as in the gallery allotted to 'Sound' at the Victoria and Albert Museum, there is a section devoted to campanology. Its chief feature is, of course, the Carter ringing machine, which has been permanently deposited, and under the trusteeship of the Central Council. I would suggest that the latter, with any functions which we may have, be in future administered by the Standing Committee.

Will any members of our committee who may differ from the above be good enough to let me know?

E. ALEX. YOUNG,
Convener.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IPSWICH MEETING.**

The following are arrangements by the Reception Committee in connection with the annual meeting of the Central Council at Ipswich on Whitsun Tuesday, May 25th.

Hotels: 'Great White Horse,' bed and breakfast, 9s. 6d. (Saturday dinner to Wednesday breakfast, inclusive terms, £2). 'Crown and Anchor' (headquarters), bed and breakfast, 9s. 'Grand,' bed and breakfast, 7s. 6d. 'Queen's,' ditto, 7s. 6d. 'Victoria' Temperance, ditto, 5s. 6d. A room will be reserved for the use of members on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings, at the 'Crown and Anchor.' The manager of the 'Great White Horse' is reserving a separate dining-room for members, if they will ask for it (without extra charge). This is the hotel immortalised by Dickens. Mr. Pickwick's room is still shown to visitors, and also that of the Lady in Curl-papers.

Peals are being arranged on the Saturday afternoon, and later. Will any who would like to be included please send word as soon as possible to Mr. C. J. Sedgely, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, mentioning day and methods preferred?

It is suggested that members may like to visit Felixstowe or Norwich on the Sunday. If a party for Norwich is desired it can be arranged, if sufficient notice is given. The steamers to Felixstowe (no bells) are very pleasant, and an extension to Harwich (eight bells) can be made.

An excursion has been arranged for Monday, leaving at 10 a.m., for Stowmarket, Bury St. Edmunds (lunch can be had at the 'Angel'), Lavenham, Sudbury and Hadleigh. The bells will be available at each of these places. The motor coach will hold 30, and it will be open, as long as seats are available in it, to all members who send their names to Mr. G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevalier Street, Ipswich, to whom other inquiries should be addressed.

The Suffolk Guild invite the members of the Council to meet them at tea at the Co-operative Hall at 5 p.m., after the Council meeting; and, after tea, Mr. Chas. J. Sedgely will conduct members round some of the interesting antiquities of Ipswich.

At 8 p.m. there will be a social meeting for members of the Council, and of the Suffolk Guild, in the large room at the 'Crown and Anchor.'

Visitors from the South by road are advised to explore Gainsborough country just over the county boundary at Flatford and Dedham; they will beware of the dangerous Dedham Gun Hill, leading to the bridge by which one leaves Essex. On the other journey, they may like to go through Polstead and Stoke-by-Nayland, with their beautiful country and fine churches.

Those from the North, by a half-mile detour from the Yarmouth Road, may see Ufford Church, with its unique font-cover, and the Vale of Ufford. Sudbury is supposed to be 'Eatonswill'; though some say Ipswich and others Bury.

Members are also recommended to visit 'Christchurch Mansion' (admission free) in the park adjoining St. Margaret's Church. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8) and St. Clement's (6) will be available on Monday.

There will be a service of the Holy Communion at St. Mary-le-Tower Church on Tuesday at 8 a.m.

FIRST BY ALL.

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on April 15th, 720 London Surprise: W. Marshall 1, H. J. Hammond 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. H. Smith 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, all of which are Sunday Service ringers.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, on April 14th, 720 London Surprise Minor: H. Rogers 1, E. Lloyd 2, A. Howard 3, E. Parry 4, T. Rogers 5, J. Greasley (conductor) 6. First in the method by the first three ringers.

THE TURNER'S HILL PEAL. SUSSEX ASSOCIATION MEETING DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE.

The letters which have appeared in our columns on the subject of the recent peal of Superlative Surprise at Turner's Hill formed the chief topic of discussion at the meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association at Cuckfield on Saturday. The letters of 'Lastener' and the replies of Mr. Keith Hart, the conductor, were read, and the latter declared that the portion of the peal complained of was, in fact, the best.

Anonymous challenges of peals were condemned in a resolution which will be found embodied in the letter of the secretary below.

The meeting was presided over by Canon C. W. G. Wilson (Vicar of Cuckfield), and the annual report was presented by Mr. A. D. Stone, the division hon. secretary.

Before the business meeting, representatives from the various towers rang touches in a variety of methods on the bells at the Parish Church, and took part in a service conducted by the Vicar, with the assistance of the Rev. S. G. Farrar, and tea was served in the Parish Room.

After the business meeting there was further ringing. The representatives, numbering 45, came from Brighton, Burgess Hill, Lindfield, Balcombe, Hurstpierpoint, Bolney and Ditchling, etc.

ANONYMOUS CHALLENGES CONDEMNED. *To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association, held at Cuckfield on Saturday last, forty-five members being present, the letters which had appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the above subject were read and discussed. The following resolution was unanimously passed: That this meeting strongly condemns the practice of challenging ringing performances in anonymous letters, and asks the secretary to forward a copy of this resolution to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

A. D. STONE,

Hon. Sec., Central Division.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. WELCOMED AT ORDSALL BY RINGING RECTOR.

A most interesting and enjoyable meeting took place at Ordsall on Saturday last. The six bells, with tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., rehung and augmented by Taylor and Co. in 1892, were in capital good order, and all arrangements made by the new Rector (the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson) and Mr. H. Revill, with a band of lady workers, to make the visitors happy and comfortable, were a splendid success. Notwithstanding the thunderstorm in the district during the afternoon, a large number of ringers, some from kindred associations, turned up to try their skill on the bells. The following towers were represented: Auston, Blyth, Barlborough, Shireoaks, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, Gainsborough, East Markham, Sutton-on-Trent, Collingham, Corringham, West Retford, Workson, and the local company, including six promising youngsters of Ordsall, who are under the tuition of the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson and Messrs. Piercy and Revill, and who acquitted themselves admirably in the way in which they handled the bells. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent, Duke of York, Violet, London Scholars, and Killamarsh Treble Bob. Four ladies took part in the ringing. Tea was served at the new Parish Hall, presided over by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, and 45 sat down.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rector gave a very hearty welcome to the members of the association, and visitors from kindred associations, to this the first meeting of his incumbency. The next meeting, which will be the annual meeting, will be fixed for a date in June, and will be advertised as usual in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. Houchen, of East Retford, was elected a member.

A discussion on the proposed alterations of the names of six-bell methods to be brought before the Central Council meeting at Ipswich took place, mirth and wit characterising the proceedings.

The Gainsborough ringers, with the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells, which was very much appreciated.

A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for serving tea, and to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for presiding over the tea and meeting, and for the use of the bells, was passed, and this part of the proceedings concluded with a suitable reply from the Rector. The ringers then once more adjourned to the tower, and rang a variety of Treble Bob methods. The probationary members were not neglected, and some good rounds of 'Queens' and 'Whittingtons' were rung on the bells, which were lowered in good style at 8.40 p.m.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Margaret, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: M. Killick 1, H. Bransden 2, W. Horney 3, A. Feist 4, J. Parsons 5, G. Killick 6, J. Feist (conductor) 7, F. Hobden 8.

PEALS AT EXETER CATHEDRAL. DEDICATION OF TABLETS.

An interesting ceremony, which will be memorable to those privileged to be present, took place on Saturday, at Exeter, when members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers assembled in the Cathedral belfry for a short service of dedication on the unveiling of three oak tablets, recording the last three peals on this great ring of bells, and which have been placed on the west wall just above the wainscot dado. The first board commemorates a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 'Thomas' eight, rung by the Devon Guild on May 5th, 1923, and conducted by Mr. A. W. Searle. Another tablet records the peal of 5,017 Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on July 5th, 1924, the first of Cinques on the bells, conducted by Mr. A. Walker, while a third, given by the Rev. M. Kelly (ex-President of the Guild) records a peal of 5,015 Grandsire Cinques, the first rung by members of the Devon Guild on January 9th, 1926, conducted by the president, the Rev. E. S. Powell. Punctually at 2.15, the time appointed, the Dean (the Very Rev. H. R. Gamble) with Canons McLaren and Newton Leeke, arrived in their robes, the congregation then numbering 44, which included eight ladies.

Canon McLaren recited the sentences, and led the singing of an appropriate hymn, which was heartily rendered. Then Mr. Searle, on behalf of the Triples peal band, Mr. Walker, for the Birmingham peal band, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, on behalf of Mr. Kelly, respectively offered the tablets for the acceptance and custody of the Chapter. Following the dedicatory affirmation, a psalm and prayer, the Dean gave an instructive and encouraging address, which, with the usual Blessing, concluded the function.

Two touches of Grandsire Cinques by members of the various peal bands who were present, were then rung prior to the afternoon service. The Rev. M. Kelly himself, in spite of his advanced age and physical infirmity, managed to ascend the tower steps, and Mr. A. Walker came specially from Birmingham to be present.

A tea and meeting were held later in the afternoon at the Trade and Labour Hall, about 60 (representative of five of the six branches) being present.—Mr. Kelly, addressing the meeting, commented on the great advance in change ringing by the Guild since the early days when he scored his first 120 of Doubles, and pointed out that the ceremony for which they had met that day, was, and probably would be, unique in the annals of the Guild. The first tablet, he said, was made possible by the munificence of a worthy Exonian, Mr. A. C. Thomas, who had given the two new trebles. The second, for the peal of Stedman Cinques by their Birmingham friends, of which they were equally proud, for ringers were brothers all the world over, and the uninitiated could not understand their language, was a handsome tablet well worthy of the occasion, for he had the pleasure of listening to a part of the peal himself, and could testify to its excellence. And then the one for their own Devon peal of Grandsire Cinques, which was a consummation he never really expected in his lifetime, although he had long hoped for it, and he considered Mr. Powell, as conductor, deserved especial praise.

The Rev. E. S. Powell expressed the gratitude of the Guild to Mr. Kelly for his gift of a tablet, and his continued sincere interest in the Guild's welfare. He hoped members would realise the peal was rung by the band as representatives of the whole Guild, and that, in the words of the dedication office, it should become an incentive for further peals, with which object they should now go on to practice Stedman Cinques.

Mr. A. Walker also added his appreciation of the courtesy they had experienced from Mr. Kelly, and others in Devonshire, and declared that the idea of 'snatching' a peal at Exeter had never been their intention or desire. He gave, from his experience, a useful tip for ringing Stedman Cinques, that was, to keep the bells well up, both hand and back, especially the latter in ascending from the front work. Other members of the Stedman peal band would have been with him had it not been that the Conbrookdale opening happened that day.

The Birmingham tablet is a particularly handsome one, with a bold moulded frame, the panel lettered from a design supplied by Mr. Walker, with gilt old English heading, which shows up effectively. It was the production of Messrs. J. Wippell and Co., of Exeter.

After the meeting, an adjournment was again made to the tower, and several courses of Stedman Cinques, under Mr. Walker's pilotage, were more or less truly brought round.

STOKE ASSOCIATION CHANGES ITS NAME

At a specially convened meeting of the committee for the alteration of rules, it was unanimously decided that the Stoke Archidiaconal Association shall in future be known as 'The North Staffs and District Association.' This was confirmed by the committee at a monthly meeting of the association, held at Norton on Saturday, April 10th.

The following ringers acted as bearers: Messrs. C. W. Bell, J. Taylor, T. Grant (St. Saviour's), F. Cunnings (Bailford), H. Merrett and W. Seers (St. Matthew's), the latter being responsible for the funeral arrangements.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

We regret that, owing to the demands upon the space available for Sunday Service Touches, we are unable to undertake to insert anything less than a quarter-peal on eight bells and upwards, and 720 of Doubles or Minor. Many correspondents send us quite short touches for publication and they must not be disappointed if we are unable to find room for them.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Ray Curtis 1, E. Tall 2, Reg. Curtis 3, F. Mursell 4, F. White 5, C. H. Lowmax 6, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 7, H. J. Nash 8. Arranged for Mr. C. H. Lowmax.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, April 11th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Skervington (conductor) 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackill 5, H. Belcher 6, C. Hunt 7, H. Folkard 8.

KESWICK.—At Crosthwaite Church, for evening service, on April 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Thompson 1, H. Just 2, F. Barnes 3, D. Usher 4, F. Hogarth 5, T. Wilson 6, F. Grisdale 7, T. Hogarth (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: P. Heath (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Davies 2, L. Strong (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, F. Smith 4, W. Richards 5, E. Coombes 6, A. Parnell (conductor) 7, J. Borey 8.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—For Sunday evening service, on April 11th, 720 Woodstock Treble Bob: J. Cooper, jun., 1, J. Cooper, sen., 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, G. Martin 5, R. Darvill (conductor) 6.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The April meeting was held at South Kirby, on Saturday, the 10th, a goodly number of members being present from Darfield, Wath, Penistone, Rotherham, Felkirk, Pontefract, Royston, Barnsley, and the local company. The bells were kept going without intermission from 3 to 7.10 p.m., when the ringing had to cease owing to serious illness near the tower. Tea was amply supplied to parties of ten at the Rose and Crown Inn.

The business meeting was held in the ringing room. The Vicar of South Kirby was present, and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors to his church at any time. An invitation to hold the next meeting on May 22nd at Shelley was accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local ringers was duly passed, and this ended the meeting.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter meeting was held at Skelton-in-Cleveland, a village which lies in the heart of Cleveland, surrounded by the ironstone mines. It has a beautiful church and tower, and magnificent peal of eight bells (tenor 23 cwt.), recently rehung on the latest principles, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. These were merrily ringing at an early hour of the day to the delight of those who took part in the day's proceedings. Members attended from Saltburn, Middlesbrough, Darlington (St. John's), Whitby, Stockton, Richmond, Ormesby, Sheldon, West Hartlepool (St. Aidan's), Ripon, Guisborough, and the local band. Touches in the following methods were rung: Cambridge Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich.

The service was well attended by ringers and friends and all greatly enjoyed the eloquent and instructive address given by the Rector (the Rev. R. W. Wheatley), who pointed out the fellowship of ringers with other church workers, and the need for 'those who called' to respond to the call of the Church.

Lunch and tea were provided in the Churchroom by one of the Saltburn ringers (Mr. G. Kemball), and were presided over by Vice-President W. Newton, of Stockton. Everyone enjoyed the good old English fare. During the tea, the Rector paid a visit to have a chat with the visitors, and listen to a beautifully struck course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells.—The Chairman proposed that the best thanks of the association be given to the Rector for the use of the churchroom, also for the use of the bells and for his most able address at the service, and this was carried with acclamation.—The Rector, replying, welcomed the association to Skelton saying it was a very great pleasure to hear the bells rung at any time. He hoped that the association would pay them another visit in a short time.

It was rather late before the beauties of the church, with its magnificent memorial window, were examined. The town and the countryside palled on the ringers, but as they wended their several ways homewards their one thought was 'a jolly good day well spent.'

FOUR QUARTER PEALS ON EASTER DAY

At St. Albans, on Easter Day, the Cathedral band rang four quarter-peals in four methods. With the exception of Mr. C. H. Baker, of Gainsborough, for whom one of the local band stood down to allow him to take part in one of the touches, the ringing was done entirely by the Cathedral company.

For 6 a.m. service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. Swinson 2, W. Little 3, C. Jeffs 4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5, W. Lucas 6, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, P. Lewis 8.—For 11 a.m. service, 1,248 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. Swinson 2, C. H. Baker 3, J. Blow 4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5, C. Jeffs 6, W. Little 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.—For 6.30 p.m. service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 48 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. Swinson 2, W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor) 3, C. Jeffs 4, L. A. Goodenough 5, W. Lucas 6, H. E. C. Goodenough 7, F. Beeson 8.—After evening service, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 50 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. Swinson 2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3, W. Little 4, J. Malyan 5, C. Jeffs 6, L. A. Goodenough 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

ABINGDON.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the local band, for evensong, on Easter Sunday.

LIVERPOOL.—On Easter Day, after evening service, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Allen 1, E. Jones 2, W. Fisher 3, T. Jennion 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, T. G. Larkey 6, E. Caunce 7, A. Lintott 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Peter, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 53 mins.: W. Shrivess 1, F. Stubbs 2, A. Gibbs 3, H. Copperwheat 4, R. C. Loveday 5, L. Stubbs 6, Frank Kirk 7, Francis Kirk (first in the method as conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 6th.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 43 mins.: R. Blake 1, F. Gearing 2, B. Davis 3, G. Bull 4, W. Gearing 5, J. Rance (conductor) 6. Longest length in the method by the first four ringers.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): F. R. Coombes 1, F. Tufrey 2, J. Judge 3, W. H. Thorne 4, C. Bennett 5, J. Franklin 6, F. Webb 7, W. F. Judge (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Major on the bells by an entirely local band.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from 'Holt's Original': J. Tayler 1, Miss N. Williams (conductor) 2, J. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, J. Hallett 5, C. W. Bell 6, W. Farley 7, H. Merrett 8.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Easter Day, 720 Grandsire Minor: A. E. Wilson 1, Miss E. Gillett (conductor) 2, H. Willacy 3, D. McLellan 4, J. Hardman 5, N. Candlish 6.

TETENHALL, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 4, 6, 8 covering, with ten different callings: E. J. Southwick 1, H. R. Pickering 2, E. Genna 3, T. Taylor 4, B. Dalton 5, T. Bate 6, R. Pickering (conductor) 7, G. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6, 8.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—On Easter Day, at the Parish Church, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. E. White 1, T. Appleby 2, A. Fawdry 3, S. Coventry 4, H. Hall 5, R. S. Bushnell 6, W. Appleby (conductor) 7, C. Bonner (first quarter) 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,360 changes): S. Goodchild 1, J. Ford 2, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 3, T. Brett Smith 4, H. Darling 5, C. Brett Smith 6, T. Groombridge, sen., 7, T. Groombridge, jun., 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bidnell, sen., 1, A. G. Wratlen (conductor) 2, W. Bidnell, jun., 3, S. Mowl 4, J. Amos 5, A. J. Amos 6, S. A. Gower 7, R. J. Birch 8. Messrs. J. and A. J. Amos are from Maidstone.—On Sunday, March 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bidnell, sen., 1, W. Bidnell, jun., 2, A. R. Manning 3, S. Mowl 4, P. Francis (first quarter 'inside') 5, A. G. Wratlen (conductor) 6, S. A. Gower 7, G. E. Drury 8.

HEDDINGTON.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Jennings 1, L. Bance 2, J. P. Gayer 3, E. Talbot 4, A. Arnold 5, G. Jennings 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, J. W. Trappitt 8, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 9, J. Avery 10.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Gillett 1, W. Wright (first quarter) 2, B. Phillips 3, J. Collett 4, H. Packer 5, H. E. Gillett 6, T. Banning (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Butler 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Simms 1, J. A. Morton 2, S. A. Stagg 3, R. A. Cullum 4, E. J. Platt 5, L. J. Cullum 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. Also first quarter-peal for ringer of 3rd 'inside.'

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', on the 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.15, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton Devon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Congresbury, on April 24th. Service 5 o'clock, tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector of Cliffe (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton, on Saturday, April 24th (postponed from 17th). Bells ready 2.30, business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shaw, near Newbury, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Next meeting will be held at Darlington, on Saturday, April 24th. Ringers are asked to meet at St. Cuthbert's; bells (8) available from 2 p.m. St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will also be available. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickenson Street, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Old Rectory 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas's, Helmsshore, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good muster of members are expected to be present. Subscriptions are now due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Evensong in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30, with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). A collection will be made on behalf of the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowt's (6) at St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 3, and from 7 to 9. Washingborough bells (8) will also be available in the evening from 6 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, April 24th. Six bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Rd., Reigate.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Henbury, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting in the Boys' School, to be followed by service in the church at 6 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, 24th April. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea for 5.30. Ringing finishes at 8. Acton bells available from 8.20 to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea on usual terms at 5.30; please let me know all who require same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be supplied by the Vicar, only to those who notify me of their intention to attend before Tuesday, April 27th. Bells of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, also available 3—4.30 p.m.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Blockley on Saturday, May 1st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided. Will all those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous? Bells (8) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The opening of the recast bells at St. Laurence, Alton, is fixed for Saturday, May 1st. Service at 3.30. All ringers invited. Tea provided for all those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 28th. — W. Perry, Hon. Sec., 35, Ackender Road, Alton, Hants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 2.30 to 6.30 and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at cafe close to the church. Reports now ready, 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, May 1st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged by the Vicar. Red bus New Street to Dudley passes church. Nearest rail station Blackheath, Great Western from Snow Hill. Those intending to be present please advise A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Sellindge on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea will be given by the Vicar to those who notify me of their intention to attend by April 27th.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Sharnford on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutterton, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m.; this will be followed immediately by the usual business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, April 28th, so that arrangements can be made for tea?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Lavenham District.—A meeting will be held at Monks Eleigh, on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 2.30. Business meeting 4.30. A large attendance requested.—A. Symonds, Dist. Sec., Lavenham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Naseby, on Saturday, May 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 27th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, May 1st. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 27th?—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christleton on May 1st. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Oldford, Chester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May.—St. Clement Danes', Sunday the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Monday, the 10th, at 7.30; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 3rd, at 7.30; and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 18th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Parish Church, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fried Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingfold, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 4th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 8th. The towers of St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's will be open for ringing from 1 till 3.15, and after the service. Business meeting in St. Nicholas Hall, St. Nicholas Road, at 3.30. A meat tea will be provided at the Imperial Hotel, Queen's Road—price 3s. each (1s. 6d. to members). Service at St. Nicholas Church at 6 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 2s.) will be allowed to resident members attending the meeting. Those intending to be present must notify the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 4th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. General Secretary, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names to the Rev. Canon H. J. El see, M.A., 12, Chorley Old Road, Bolton or myself not later than May 5th. A good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, May 8th. Service at the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. (Preacher: Canon E. P. Knubley), followed by luncheon and business meeting in St. James' Hall. Members requiring lunch must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than May 4th. Incumbents of the following churches have kindly placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild:—Ring of ten, Trowbridge; rings of eight, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Melksham, Warminster and Westbury; rings of six, Holt, Hilperton, Keevil, North Bradley, Seend and Steeple Ashton.—T. Hervey Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bournemouth.

YORKS ASSOCIATION AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the above two associations will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., and the bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, May 11th.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Joint Hon. Secs.

ESSEX & HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (Herts) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30 in St. Michael's Parish Room. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea kindly advise us before May 13th.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford (Essex Association); W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Ware, Herts (Herts Association).

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notices.—The next meeting will be held on May 22nd at Shelley. Further particulars at a later date. The annual Cup Contest promoted by Hoylandswaine will be held on Saturday, June 12th. All towers in the Association are invited to enter at once. Address all applications to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — If any member has a copy of Second Annual Report (1883-4) I should be glad to acquire same for binding with official records.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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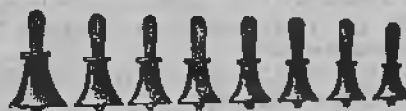
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